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E.P.A. Announces Repeal of Major Obama-Era Carbon Emissions Rule

By LISA FRIEDMAN and BRAD PLUMER, New York Times • • Posted 2017-10-10 06:41:33

The Trump administration announced on Monday that it would take formal steps to repeal President Barack Obama's signature policy to curb greenhouse gas emissions from power plants, setting up a bitter fight over the future of America's efforts to tackle global warming. At an event in eastern Kentucky, Scott Pruitt, the head of the Environmental Protection Agency, said that his predecessors had departed from regulatory norms in crafting the Clean Power Plan, which was finalized in 2015 and would have pushed states to move away from coal in favor of sources of electricity that produce fewer carbon emissions.

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EPA Chief Calls for Ending Wind Tax Credits to Help Coal Survive

By Ari Natter, Bloomberg • • Posted 2017-10-10 06:42:15

Tax incentives for the wind industry should be eliminated, Environmental Protection Agency administrator Scott Pruitt said Monday. "I would do away with these incentives that we give to the wind industry," Pruitt said, responding to a question about the effectiveness of renewable energy at an event held at the Kentucky Farm Bureau on Monday. "I'd let them stand on their own and compete against coal and natural gas and other sources." [[read more ...](#)]

Inslee statement on EPA repeal of Clean Power Plan

By Jay Inslee, Washington Office of the Governor • • Posted 2017-10-10 06:42:33

"By repealing the Clean Power Plan, President Trump and his EPA administrator are recklessly removing any meaningful, science-based federal restraint on the carbon pollution that power plants are allowed to pump into our atmosphere. The United States Supreme Court has ruled on three separate occasions that the EPA has a responsibility, under the Clean Air Act and other federal laws, to protect American communities from harmful carbon

pollution." [[read more ...](#)]

Environmental Groups Denounce Trump Override of Climate Plan

By Adam Beam and Michael Biesecker, Associated Press • • Posted 2017-10-10 06:42:56

A coalition of left-leaning states and environmental groups are vowing to fight the Trump administration's move to kill an Obama-era effort to limit carbon emissions from coal-fired power plants. Speaking Monday in the coal-mining state of Kentucky, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt said he would be issuing a new set of rules overriding the Clean Power Plan, the centerpiece of President Barack Obama's drive to curb global climate change.

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Trump Plays Down Health Hazard in Justifying Climate Rule Repeal

By Jennifer A Dlouhy, Bloomberg • • Posted 2017-10-10 06:43:17

When President Barack Obama unveiled his plan to pare emissions from U.S. power plants two years ago, he stressed the long-term health benefits: 3,600 fewer premature deaths, 90,000 fewer asthma attacks in children and a decline in hospital visits. Now, the Trump administration is justifying its rollback of the Clean Power Plan by arguing its predecessor exaggerated the public health gains. [[read more ...](#)]

There's enough wind energy over the oceans to power human civilization, scientists say

By Chris Mooney, Washington Post • • Posted 2017-10-10 06:43:39

New research published on Monday finds there is so much wind energy potential over oceans that it could theoretically be used to generate "civilization scale power" — assuming, that is, that we are willing to cover enormous stretches of the sea with turbines, and can come up with ways to install and maintain them in often extreme ocean environments. [[read more ...](#)]

Will Iowa continue adopting wind, solar without federal mandate?

By Donnelle Eller, Des Moines Register • • Posted 2017-10-10 06:43:57

"It's disappointing, because as a country, we have an opportunity to lead," said Josh Mandelbaum, staff attorney at the Environmental Law & Policy Center. "And Iowa is the perfect example of the success we can have in reducing pollution, improving public health and growing our economy." Iowa had about 30,400 clean energy jobs last year, nearly 7 percent more than in 2015, an industry group estimates. [[read more ...](#)]

Wind energy's expansion in Nebraska creates sharp new divide

By GRANT SCHULTE, Associated Press • • Posted 2017-10-10 06:44:59

Wind energy advocates say much of the resistance is based on unfounded fears and

resistance to change. "I wouldn't want to contradict someone's personal experiences, but I do think some of the concerns are from emotional fears rather than actual reality," said David Bracht, director of the Nebraska Energy Office. [[read more ...](#)]

Perry defends FERC request as 'not a directive'

Hannah Northey and Niina Heikkinen, E&E News reporters • • Posted 2017-10-10 06:46:05

Energy Secretary Rick Perry defended his request for market reforms to boost coal and nuclear plants that critics have called a "grenade" for existing energy markets. Perry told attendees at the Veterans in Energy event in Arlington, Va., that his request for reforms was meant to serve as a conversation starter.

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Panel finds U.S. washing machine makers hurt by LG, Samsung imports

By David Lawder, Reuters • • Posted 2017-10-10 06:46:24

The U.S. International Trade Commission found on Thursday that surging imports of large residential washing machines harmed domestic producers, a major step toward the imposition of broad duties or quotas on foreign-made Samsung- and LG-brand machines. [[read more ...](#)]

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